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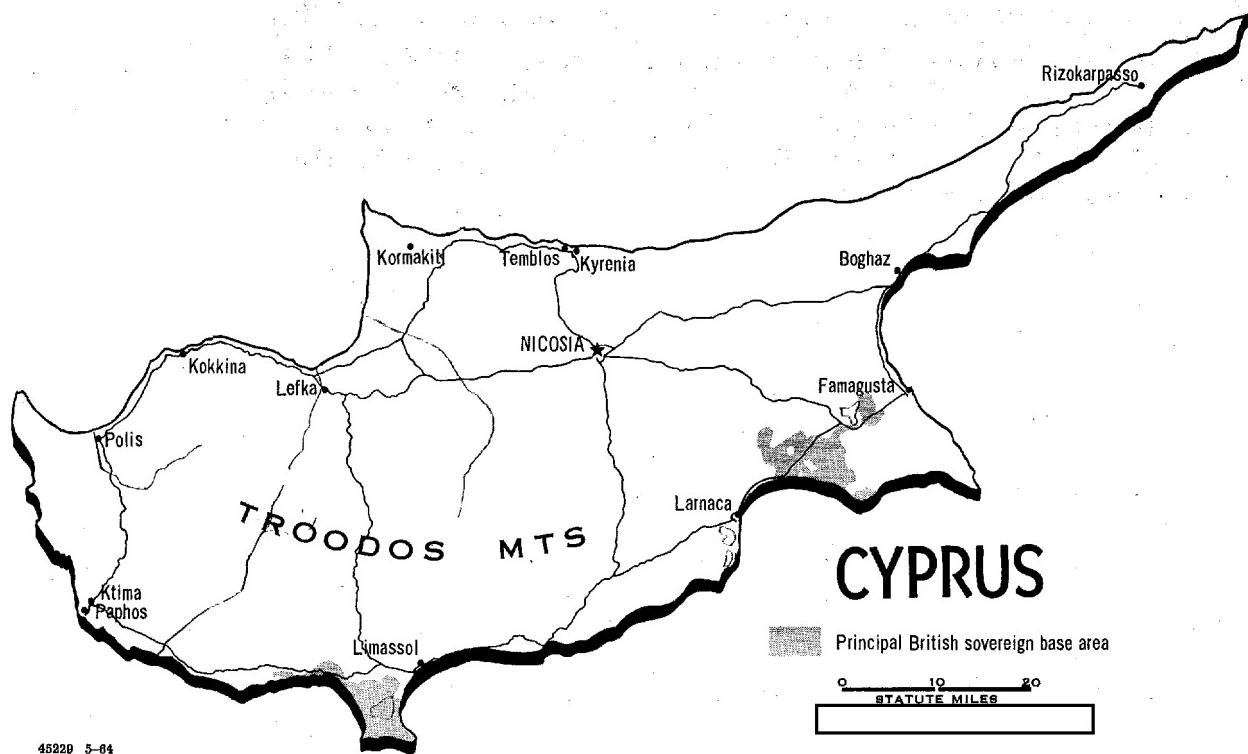
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Cyprus: [The Greek Cypriots continue to bring reinforcements into the island.]

[On 10 July a convoy of 31 trucks, 15 land rovers, 4 cars, and 12 buses carrying men in civilian clothes left the port of Limassol in the direction of the Troodos Mountains, according to the US military attaché. Later, 15 trucks escorted by 4 land rovers arrived in Nicosia. The 12 buses, if fully loaded, would carry a total of about 500 men.]

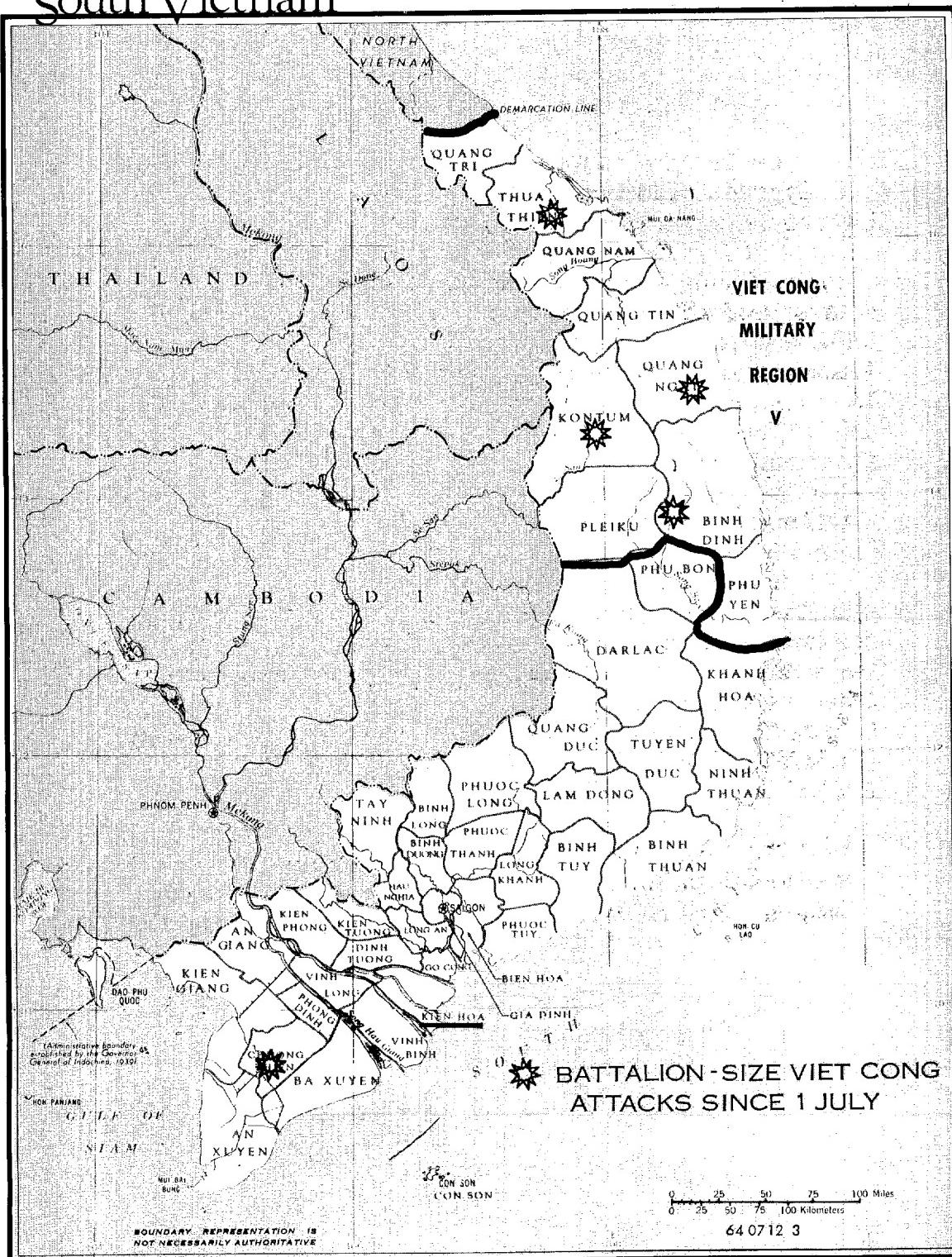
*Another convoy, composed of 40 trucks, travelled from Limassol to the Nicosia area on the night of 11 July.

The Greek Cypriot cabinet was called into emergency session yesterday following the UN disclosure that Turkey as well as Greece has been smuggling troops into Cyprus for more than a month. The ministers reportedly took an "important decision to deal with the situation."

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*South Vietnam: [The intensified Viet Cong drive, which began this month in the northern provinces, is now spreading.]

[On 11 July a Viet Cong force estimated at two battalions attacked a government post in Chuong Thien Province in the southern part of the delta. A provincial force of five paramilitary companies was ambushed a few hours later while en route to support the post. A preliminary report of casualties indicates 30 killed, 91 wounded, and 19 missing on the government side as against 10 Viet Cong dead.]

[This action occurred near a major Communist base area; the same province was the scene of a five-day battle last April involving at least two Viet Cong battalions.]

[In addition to four battalion-size attacks in the northern region earlier this month, there has been an increase in the number of smaller attacks in the north, as well as in the delta where at least two attacks have been of company size. A large government operation on 10 July west of Saigon apparently made contact with a sizable Viet Cong unit, killing more than 60.]

[the Viet Cong are also planning stepped-up military action this month in the delta province of Kien Hoa south of Saigon.]

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NOTE

Israel-Syria: Resumption of Israeli patrolling in the demilitarized zone bordering Syria may lead to new incidents. Israeli Foreign Minister Meir has stated that patrolling will begin again soon, possibly today. Both sides recently have augmented their forces in the proximity of the border.

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